

Pasco County is spread across 744.85 square miles, and contains six municipalities: New Port Richey, Port Richey, San Antonio, St. Leo, Zephyrhills and Dade City. Beautifully situated on the Gulf of Mexico in the Tampa Bay area, Pasco County is one of eight counties, along with Citrus, Dixie, Hernando, Levy, Jefferson, Taylor, and Wakulla, which make up the “Nature Coast.”

As of 2014, a total of 345,837 adults reside in the Pasco County area. In Pasco, 21.1% of the residents are 65 years old and over compared to only 18.4% in Florida. The following figure shows the population breakdown of Pasco County by age obtained from Florida CHARTS. (Figure 1) ¹

Pasco County’s population varies from its neighboring counties. Pasco’s population is less than half that of Hillsborough and Pinellas Counties’ population (1,302,862 and 928,735 respectively), similar to Polk County (626,233), and larger than Hernando and Sumter Counties (171,313 and 110,678 respectively). Pasco County’s population continues to grow steadily. According to the Florida CHARTS the population change in Pasco from 2000 to 2010 was 34.8%. ¹

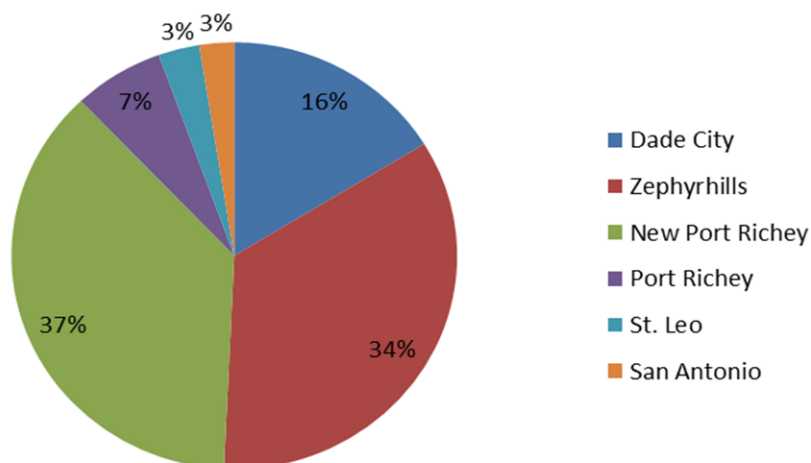
Figure 1. Demographic Data by Age Groups.

County								State		
Age Group	Data Year	Male	Female	Total	Male%	Female%	Total%	Male%	Female%	Total%
< 5	2014	13,441	12,890	26,331	5.70%	5.20%	5.40%	5.90%	5.40%	5.60%
5-14	2014	29,412	28,077	57,489	12.50%	11.30%	11.90%	12.20%	11.20%	11.70%
15-24	2014	28,028	26,957	54,985	11.90%	10.80%	11.30%	13.40%	12.30%	12.80%
25-44	2014	53,695	56,266	109,961	22.80%	22.60%	22.70%	25.10%	24.00%	24.50%
45-64	2014	64,366	69,071	133,437	27.40%	27.70%	27.50%	26.70%	27.30%	27.00%
65-74	2014	25,703	29,716	55,419	10.90%	11.90%	11.40%	9.50%	10.50%	10.0%
> 74	2014	20,669	26,351	47,020	8.80%	10.60%	9.70%	7.30%	9.40%	8.40%

Source: Florida Charts 2014 County Health Profile

Figure 3. Pasco County Community Populations. The vast majority of the residents of Pasco County, 37%, live in New Port Richey. The second most populated city in the County is Zephyrhills with 34% followed by Dade City with 16% of the population. Other cities are Port Richey with 7%, St. Leo with 3%, and San Antonio with 3%. (Figure 3) ²

Source: Adapted from
quickfacts.census.gov



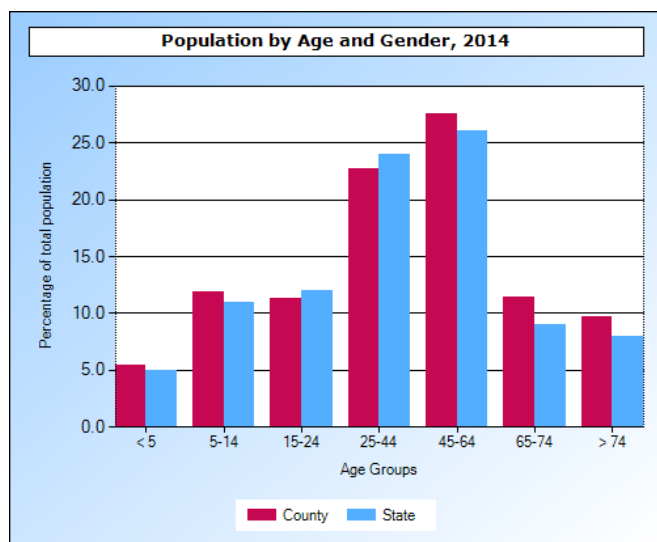


Figure 2. Population by Age Group.

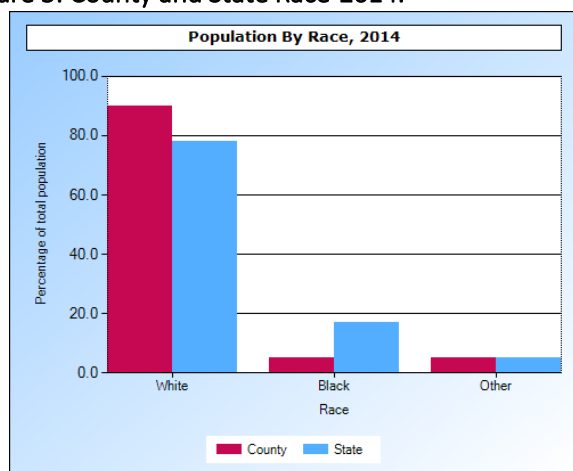
Pasco County differs from the state of Florida in the population by age group. Pasco County has more people over the age of 45 compared to Florida. In general, Florida has more residents between the ages of 15 and 44 than Pasco County. (Figure 4, Figure 5) ¹

Figure 3 and 4. Race and Ethnicity

According to Florida CHARTs in 2014 89.7% of Pasco County residents are white, 5.4% are black and 4.9% consists of other non white residents. (Figure 5) The county differs demographically from the rest of Florida with smaller minority populations (Figure 6). The 2014 estimated Hispanic population has grown to 13.1 % (compared to 24.0% in Florida). ¹

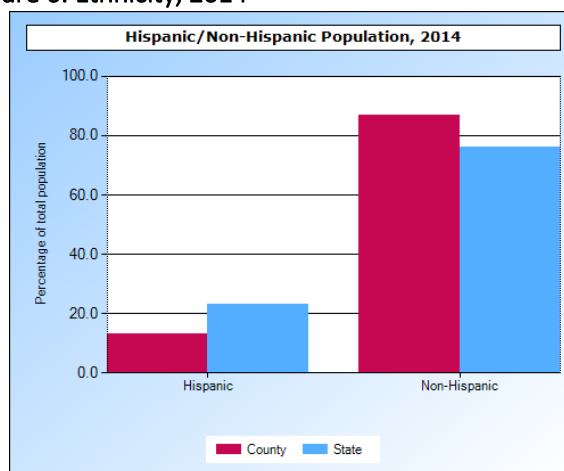
Source: Florida Charts 2014 County Health Profile

Figure 5: County and State Race-2014.



Source: Florida Charts 2014 County Health Profile

Figure 6: Ethnicity, 2014



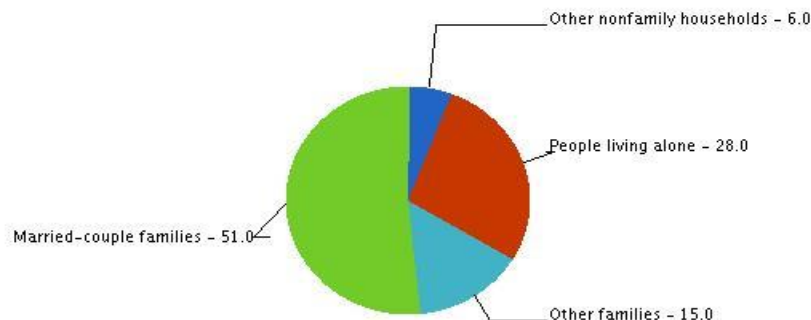
HOUSEHOLDS AND FAMILIES

According to the American Community Survey (ACS) in 2010-2014 there were 184,800 households in Pasco County. The average household size was 2.5 people.

Families made up 66 percent of the households in Pasco County, Florida. This figure includes both married-couple families (51 percent) and other families (15 percent). Of other families, 6 percent are female householder families with no husband present and own children under 18 years. Nonfamily households made up 34 percent of all households in Pasco County, Florida. Most of the nonfamily households were people living alone, but some were composed of people living in households in which no one was related to the householder.

In Pasco County, Florida, 27 percent of all households have one or more people under the age of 18; 38 percent of all households have one or more people 65 years and over. (Figure 7) In Pasco County 10,300 grandparents lived with their grandchildren under 18 years old. Of those grandparents, 42 percent of them had financial responsibility for their grandchildren. ²

Figure 5: Types of Households in 2010-2014



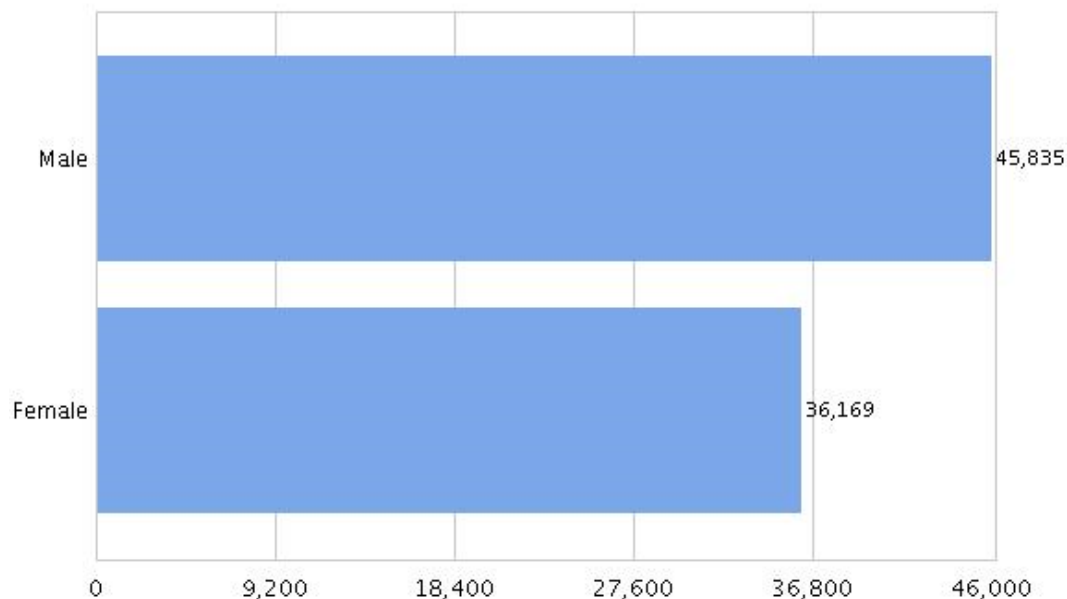
Source: US Census Bureau Population and Housing Narrative Profile 2010-2014 ACS 5 year Estimates

INCOME

Poverty can make it harder to access health care, healthy food and other provisions that contribute to health. According to the ACS in 2010-2014, 14 percent of Pasco residents were in poverty. An estimated 18 percent of related children under 18 were below the poverty level, compared with 8 percent of people 65 years old and over. An estimated 10 percent of all families and 26 percent of families with a female householder and no husband present had incomes below the poverty level.

According to the 2010-2014 ACS the median income of households in Pasco County, Florida was \$44,518. An estimated 13 percent of households had income below \$15,000 a year and 5 percent had income over \$150,000 or more. Figure 8 depicts the variance of median earnings for workers by sex.²

Figure 6: Median Earnings for Full-Time Year-Round Workers by Sex in Pasco County, Florida in 2010-2014



Source: US Census Bureau Population and Housing Narrative Profile 2010-2014 ACS 5 year Estimates

LANGUAGE

According to the 2010-2014 ACS Among people at least five years old living in Pasco County in 2010-2014, 14 percent spoke a language other than English at home. Of those speaking a language other than English at home, 62 percent spoke Spanish and 38 percent spoke some other language; 32 percent reported that they did not speak English "very well."

VULNERABLE POPULATIONS

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, vulnerable populations are at risk for health disparities and a number of indicators such as socio-economic status, geography, gender, age, disability status can predict that vulnerability. ³

Figure 7 : Vulnerable Population Data

Pasco County, Florida						
Homeless Estimate	2014	Percent of Total Population	3,305	0.70%	40,524	0.20%
Vulnerability Data						
Population with 1 or More Disability	2013 5-yr est	Percent of Total Population	73,480	15.90%	2,429,834	12.90%
Developmentally Disabled Clients	2014	Count	1,222		55,368	
Brain and/or Spinal Cord Injured Clients	2014	Count	37		2,301	
Seriously Mentally Ill Adults	2012	Percent of Population Under 18	20,392	5.50%	823,715	5.50%
Seriously Emotionally Disturbed Children	2012	Percent of Population Under 18	7,804	8.00%	321,124	8.00%
Percent of Adults Limited in Activities because of Physical, Mental, or Emotional Problems	2013	Percent of Surveyed		23.00%		21.20%
Percent of Adults Who Use Special Equipment because of a Health Problem	2013	Percent of Surveyed		13.30%		8.80%
Population 18-64 with Hearing Difficulty	2013 5-yr est	Percent of Population 18-64	7,488	2.80%	205,972	1.80%
Population 18-64 with Vision Difficulty	2013 5-yr est	Percent of Population 18-64	4,674	1.70%	196,364	1.70%
Children Through Age 20						
CMS Clients	2014	Percent of Population Under 21	2,260	1.90%	82,071	1.70%
Population Under 18 with Hearing Difficulty	2013 5-yr est	Percent of Population Under 18	747	0.80%	21,160	0.50%
Population Under 18 with Vision Difficulty	2013 5-yr est	Percent of Population Under 18	738	0.80%	26,883	0.70%
Elderly Ages 65+						
Probable Alzheimer's Cases (65+)	2013	Percent of Population 65+	12,414	12.30%	423,349	12.10%
Population 65+ with Hearing Difficulty	2013 5-yr est	Percent of Population 65+	15,158	15.50%	465,062	13.90%
Population 65+ with Vision Difficulty	2013 5-yr est	Percent of Population 65+	5,723	5.90%	209,705	6.30%

Source: Florida CHARTS 2013 Vulnerable Population Profile

Select indicators for vulnerable populations are provided in figure 9. In 2014 Pasco County's Homeless estimate was 3,305 residents. Pasco is unfavorable compared to the state average with the county's rate at .70% verses a state rate of .20%. ⁴ According to the 2013 HMIS/PIT DATA report from the Coalition for the Homeless of Pasco County, there are 1,776 homeless children in Pasco. ⁵

According to the 2010-2014 ACS, in Pasco County among the civilian noninstitutionalized population, 16 percent reported a disability. The likelihood of having a disability varied by age - from 5 percent of people under 18 years old, to 13 percent of people 18 to 64 years old, and to 34 percent of those 65 and over.²

According to the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS- 2013) the percentage of adults who are limited due to physical, mental, or emotional problems is 23% compared to 21.1% for the state. However, in

2013 Pasco exceeds the state for adults who use special equipment because of a health problem at 13.3% verses 8.8% for the state. ⁴

According to Florida CHARTS Pasco County falls above the state rate for adults aged 18-63 who report a hearing difficulty. Pasco residents have a county rate of 2.8% and the state rate is 1.8%. Vision for the same age group is more consistent with the county rate at 1.7% and the state at 1.7%. In Pasco County 15.5% of residents over the age of 65 report a hearing difficulty and 5.9% report vision difficulty, compared the state at 13.9% and 6.3% respectively. ¹

Children included in the Vulnerable population profile on Florida CHARTS include clients under 21 that receive Children's Medical Services. The Pasco County rate is 1.9% verses the state rate of 1.7%. In addition less than 1% of children under 18 have a hearing or vision difficulty. ¹

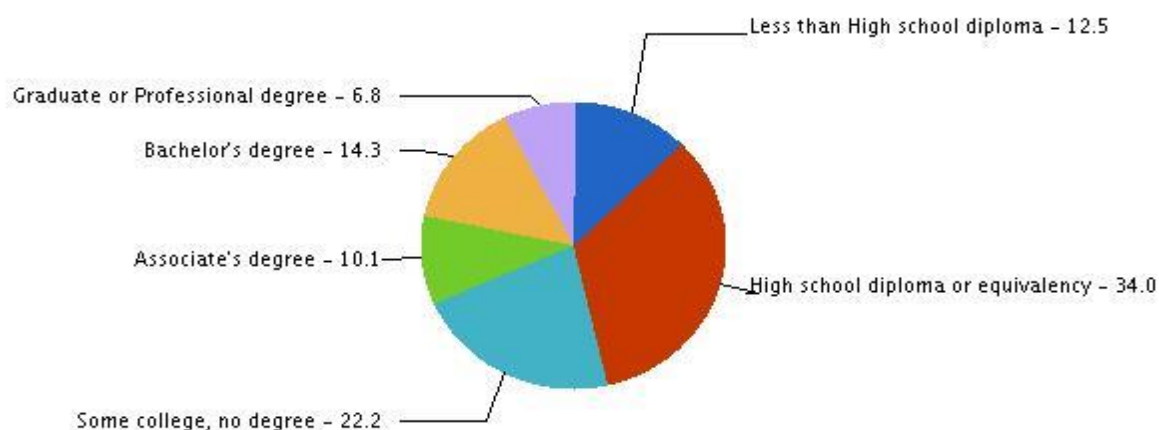
Also noted here is that it is probable that of Pasco's population over the age of 65 12.3% of them have Alzheimers which is similar to the state rate of 12.1%. ¹

EDUCATION

According to the 2010-2014 ACS, 87 percent of people 25 years and over had at least graduated from high school and 21 percent had a bachelor's degree or higher. An estimated 13 percent did not complete high school. ²

The total school enrollment in Pasco County, Florida was 104,000 in 2010-2014. Nursery school and kindergarten enrollment was 11,400 and elementary or high school enrollment was 67,300 children. College or graduate school enrollment was 25,200. ²

Figure 8: Educational Attainment of People in Pasco County, Florida in 2010-2014

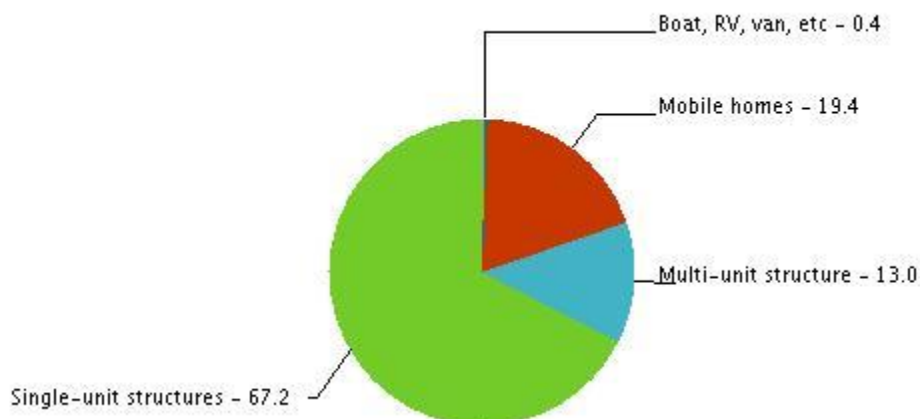


Source: US Census Bureau Population and Housing Narrative Profile 2010-2014 ACS 5 year Estimates

HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

According to the 2010-2014 ACS, Pasco County had a total of 230,600 housing units, 20 percent of which were vacant. Of the total housing units, 67 percent were in single-unit structures, 13 percent were in multi-unit structures, and 19 percent were mobile homes. An estimated 42 percent of the housing units were built since 1990. (Figure 11) ²

Figure 9: Types of Housing Units in Pasco County, Florida in 2010-2014



Source: US Census Bureau Population and Housing Narrative Profile 2010-2014 ACS 5 year Estimates

The median number of rooms in all housing units in Pasco County, Florida is 5. Of these housing units, 49 percent have three or more bedrooms. ² According to the 2010-2014 ACS, Pasco County, had 184,800 occupied housing units - 139,000 (75 percent) owner occupied and 45,800 (25 percent) renter occupied. An estimated 74 percent of householders of these units had moved in since 2000. An estimated 56 percent of the owner occupied units had a mortgage. An estimated 3 percent of the households did not have telephone service. An estimated 6 percent had no vehicles available and another 13 percent had three or more.

The median monthly housing costs for mortgaged owners was \$1,339, non-mortgaged owners \$374, and renters \$919. An estimated 41 percent of owners with mortgages, 14 percent of owners without mortgages, and 56 percent of renters in Pasco County, Florida spent 30 percent or more of household income on housing. (Figure 12) ²

Figure 10: Occupants with a Housing Cost Burden in Pasco County, Florida in 2010-2014



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QUALITY OF LIFE

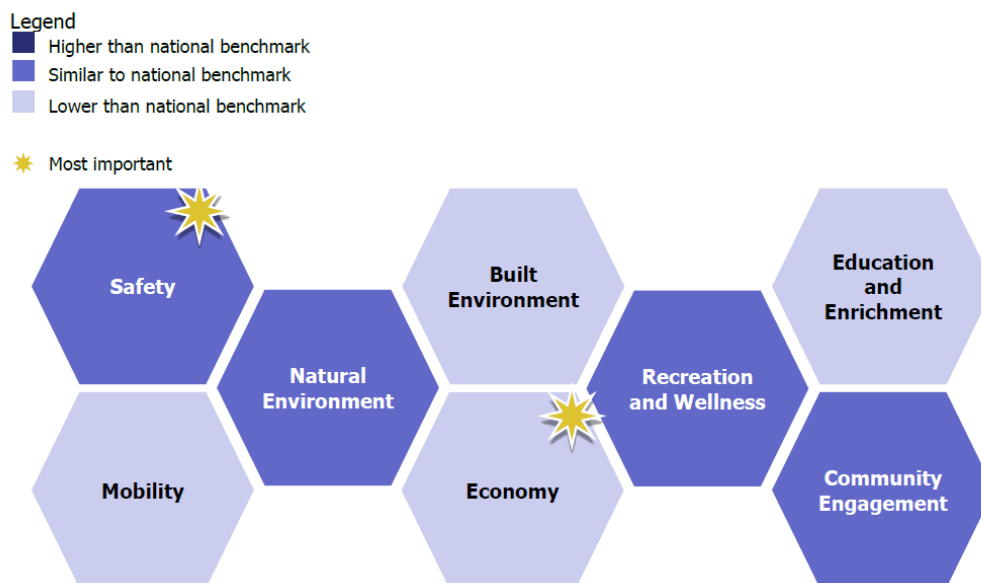
Quality of life indicators are a way to measure the vital signs of a community. An individual's health-related quality of life is not determined only by their personal-level characteristics, but also is socially determined by both physical and social environmental characteristics of their communities. For some it may mean security and safety, employment opportunities, a clean environment, efficient government, access to services or simply time spent with family and friends

Pasco County participated in The National Citizen Survey™ and results posted in the Community Livability Report for 2014⁶ indicate that most survey respondents felt positively about the overall quality of life in Pasco County and the County as a place to live. Overall Quality of Life was rated as Excellent by 12% of residents, Good by 47% and 31% Fair and 10% Poor.

Shown in figure 12 are the eight facets of community. The color of each community facet summarizes how residents rated it across the three sections of the survey that represent the pillars of a community –Community Characteristics, Governance and Participation. When most ratings across the three pillars were higher than the benchmark, the color for that facet is the darkest shade; when most ratings were lower than the benchmark, the color is the lightest shade. A mix of ratings (higher and lower than the benchmark) results in a color between the extremes.

The image below, obtained from the 2014 survey includes stars to indicate which community facets were the most important focus areas for the community. In the survey residents identified Safety and Economy as priorities for the Pasco County community in the coming two years. The survey also noted that Pasco County residents gave favorable ratings to the Safety facet of community as well as to Natural Environment, Recreation and Wellness and Community Engagement, all of which were similar to other communities.

Figure 12: Community Ratings, Pasco



End Notes:

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